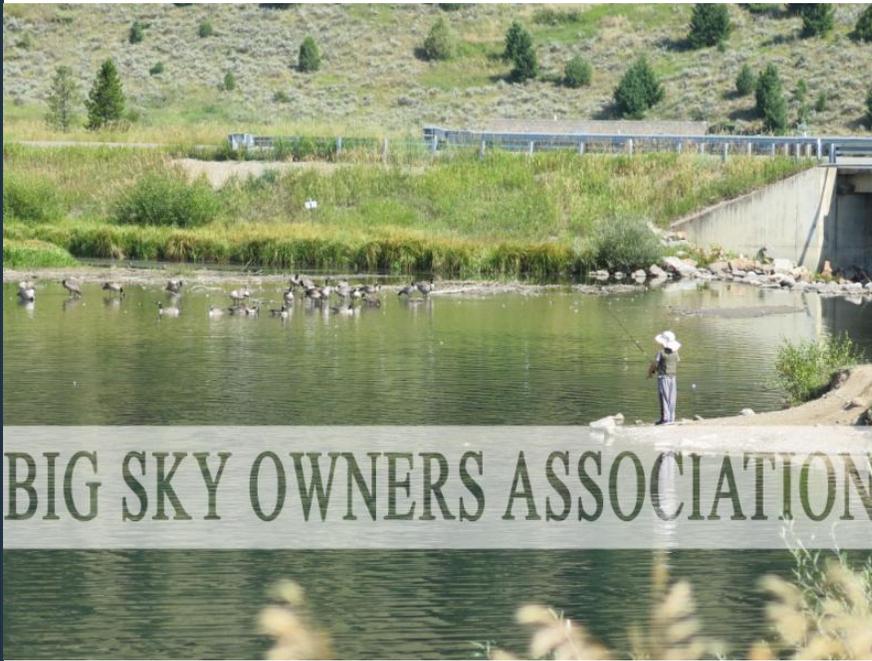


August 28, 2015



Hello From The BSOA

*Your Homeowner Association newsletter with
this month's community news!*

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Election Ballots

Time is running out to cast your vote for this year's Board of Directors candidates. Packets containing the ballots were mailed out to each member at the end of July. **If returning your ballot(s) via mail it/they must arrive by Sept. 2.** Any mailed ballots received after this date will not be counted. Members who plan to attend the meeting have until the end of the meeting to submit their votes.

Detailed in your ballot packet, there is a total of 3 votes per green ballot sheet and the votes can be combined in any combination (i.e. 1 vote per candidate, all 3 votes to one candidate, etc). Any one ballot that has a total number of votes greater than 3 is considered invalid and will not be counted. If a member owns multiple properties, you cannot combine votes on one ballot.

BSOA Board of Directors

Sept 4, 12:00pm

BSAC Meeting

Sept 3, 8:00am

Sept 17, 8:00am

SAVE THE DATE



This year's Annual Meeting
& Reception will be **3:00**

pm - 6:30 pm on

Friday, Sept. 4th

Musical

Entertainment:

Montana Rose

WEEDS **SPOTLIGHT:** **Canada Thistle**



**Canada thistle can reach
heights of 4ft and forms
deep and extensive root
systems, making it**

If you have any questions regarding the ballot please contact Emily in the BSOA Office at (406) 995-4166, or emily@bigskyoa.org.

Annual Meeting

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Big Sky Owners Association is a week out! This year's meeting is on Friday, September 4 at Big Sky Resort from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. The Meeting will be held in the Gallatin Theatre in



the Yellowstone Conference Center and will begin at 3:00 pm. Members who plan to attend should arrive early to sign-in. Don't forget to bring the ticket sent to you in the ballot packet for a chance to win one of two gift certificates to Olive B's Bistro!

Along with the normal proceedings of the meeting, members will be treated to presentations from: Big Sky Resort's Taylor Middleton, Kevin Pitzer from Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, BSOA Board of Director Chair John Loomis and Treasurer Kevin Frederick. As Chair John will present the Annual Report detailing what the BSOA has accomplished and its plans for the future. Kevin's presentation will specifically focus on the progress and plan for the ponds restoration project. Those attending will also enjoy a short video about the origins of the BSOA that will be showing prior to the start of the meeting.

The following reception will begin at 5:00 pm and will be located in the Huntley Dining Room. Appetizers will be served along with beer and wine. Several community interest tables will be stationed in the space for members to view and ask questions. The organizations at these tables will include Big Sky Medical Center, Transportation District and TEDD to name a few. There will also be live music entertainment this year from cowboy bar band Montana Rose. It will be a duo performance and something you do not want to miss out on!

Any questions about the Annual Meeting can be directed to Emily in the BSOA Office. Contact her at emily@bigskyoa.org, or (406) 995-4166.

Contact Changes

Annual assessments will be sent out the first week of October, so now is an excellent time to contact the BSOA office and let us know

difficult to control.

Management and control efforts must be planned for several consecutive growing seasons in order to prevent seed formation/dispersal and to monitor the existing sites for any new plants that emerge vegetatively and to treat them appropriately.

Yellow Toadflax



Yellow toadflax grows to a height of 1 - 2 ft and plants have multiple stems. It has an extensive horizontal root system and it reproduces through creeping roots, or by seed.

Hand pulling, or mowing will not kill the plant, but it can reduce the amount of seeds produced. Herbicides can work moderately well if used properly.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article provided by Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee.

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of any changes to your contact information. Be it a new mailing address, phone number, email, or even name it is essential that we have current information.

If any of this has changed please contact the office at (406) 996-4166, or email Lori at lori@bigskyoa.org.

Fall Weed Control

If we have the ideal combination of weather and timing, fall weed control can be very effective. It doesn't happen every time, but here are some things to consider when you go after those weed patches. For the best



results, treatments should be applied to new shoots actively growing from underground parts. Treating old leaves or stems proves to be less effective. Plan to spray when the growth is 6 to 8 inches. The more new green growth present at the time of treatment improves the chances for good results. If a frost occurs before the treatment is made, it is advised to wait at least 24 hours to evaluate the foliage. This would be after temperatures fall to below 26-28 degrees. The leaves will wilt and turn black if damaged. If you apply herbicides after this occurs success will be diminished. If you spray after a frost, try to apply herbicides when the expected high will be over 60 degrees on that day.

You can also increase the success of a fall spraying program by mowing or tilling areas two to four weeks before the herbicide application. This sets the stage for the re-growth to develop and opens up the area for the spray to be applied.

It is also important to plan ahead for next year. One treatment does not eradicate noxious weed species, especially those with extensive roots systems! It's critical to ensure you've identified the weed species correctly, have information on how to properly handle and use herbicides, and have a long term plan to manage noxious weeds. Weeds are often misidentified, which results in less than effective treatments, as well as money and time not well spent.

The Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee is available to help every landowner with plant identification and long term management plans. Contact Jen Mohler of Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee at bigskyweeds@gmail.com, or 406-209-0905 with any questions.

For Jen's full article about fall weed control and an in depth look at

HAPPENINGS

[Aug 28 - Kids Adventure Games](#)

[Aug 28 - Open Spaces: The Music of Our Neighbors](#)

[Aug 31 - Upper Gallatin River Clean Up](#)

[Sept 3 - Health screening day for Big Sky](#)

[Sept 4 - 43rd Annual Meeting of Big Sky Owners Association](#)

[Sept 4 - The Rut VK, 11K, 25K, 50K](#)

[Sept 6 - Teddy Roosevelt honors the Gallatin National Forest](#)

[Sept 11 - Big Sky Chamber Golf Tournament](#)

[Sept 14 - New Women's Fly Fishing School](#)

[Sept 16 - Piemonte Wine Dinner](#)

[Sept 17 - Business After Hours](#)

[Sept 26 - National Public Lands Day](#)

[Sept 27 - NPR's From the Top with Christopher O'Riley](#)

HAVE AN IDEA?

Anything you'd like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know if there is an issue you would like addressed, an event your organization would like to share, or just something cool about the community.

Propane Consortium Questions

Those who have signed up for the propane consortium should have received a letter recently announcing the propane provider and the cost per gallon for the next year. If you have any questions regarding your propane contract please contact the Dillon, MT office of Montana Energy Alliance at 1-866-683-9500, or 406-683-9500.

Canyon Construction Progress

As the end of summer draws near, an end to the construction in the canyon will follow closely behind. Chances are you've been stopped at least once by the work and have seen the helicopter flying by with a pole, or a man, dangling beneath. In the past week Mountain Power has removed the old lines and have started stringing new transmission at Wilma Cabins north towards Tamphrey Creek Cabins. This project will continue into next week moving north to Karst, so expect to see the helicopter! Traffic control will be set up between Tamphrey Creek and Wilma Cabins during the removal and restringing operation. Traffic delays will be minimal and only happen when the helicopter is flying directly over the highway and setting structures close to it. The restringing from Tamphrey Cabins to Karst will take approximately 5 weeks to complete.

Firehouse Flapjacks

For years the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast is a great way to raise money for what was then the volunteer Gallatin Canyon Consolidated Fire Department, especially during the days when there wasn't much in the way of local restaurants that were open. Over the years the Big Sky Fire Department has maintained the event as a means to relate with the community. Unfortunately the good intention really has not happened in a manner that BSFD feels is effective, especially since many who attend aren't from Big Sky. Sadly the Big Sky Fire Department has announced they will no longer be holding the Pancake Breakfast in order to focus our efforts and funds on more ways of meeting our citizen's needs.

BSFD will be working to increase contact with residents by participating in other events throughout the summer. Coupled with the Halloween Haunted House and other events hosted by BSFD, the department feels that would be the best way to connect with the citizens who reside here and help educate them about BSFD and fire safety.

Gallatin River Cleanup

As Big Sky residents know our rivers are an extremely important and fragile part of the community. From fishing and rafting to leisurely sitting along the riverbank these waterways get a lot of attention,



especially the Gallatin River. The Gallatin is a high traffic, highway-side river and with over 100 access sites, the river is in danger of being loved to death. Gallatin River Task Force is looking for volunteers to help them clean the Upper Gallatin River. The cleanup will take place on Monday, August 31st at 2:00 pm. Volunteers should meet in the Big Sky Community Park and be prepared to walk along the stream banks and wade in the river. There will be free beer and BBQ at 6:00 pm in the Park.

For more information contact Gallatin River Task Force at (406) 993-2519, or bluewatertaskforce@gmail.com.

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